

Woman's World

Mrs. Helen Britton, Owner
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MRS. HELEN BRITTON.

Mrs. Helen Britton of Cleveland, O., has the distinction of being the only woman owner of a big baseball club in this country and possibly in the world. This legacy—the St. Louis National League baseball club—she inherited from her father and uncle. And she is the first woman entitled to sit in a meeting of the National League, an organization devoted to the interests of men.

The feminine manager of a baseball team, according to preconceived ideas, should be a heroic specimen of womanhood, one of the manly kind, with stiff cuffs, a four-in-hand and a stride. But Mrs. Britton is of an altogether different type, for her gown is the last word in smartness, and she carries them with a grace to do them full justice. The owner of the Cardinals is a clear-skinned, dark-haired, symmetrical little woman, with sparkling eyes and a wealth of vivacity.

When asked how her club got its name Mrs. Britton replied "that red was her favorite color. I love to wear it and do most of the time just as a touch of allegiance. But my father selected the name Cardinals because it was his pet color. My husband is fond of it too. Indeed, we might be called a cardinal chorus, especially when a Cardinal knocks a home run."

Although Mrs. Britton never misses a ball game unless staying away is absolutely necessary, she is nothing of an all-around "sport," but extremely domestic in her tastes, and her strong, handsome husband says "that when it comes to keeping home comfortable and happy the presiding genius of the St. Louis team is a pennant winner." Two healthy, whole-some children, a boy and a girl, attest her skill in mothercraft. The boy, his mother says, is a regular child leader, and to show that he is going to follow in the family footsteps he has already organized a league among his playmates and captains the winning team. The wee daughter is too tiny to be entered as a "fan," but certain tendencies point toward her becoming a baseball girl through and through, like her mother.

Mrs. Britton is a fine example of how it is possible for a woman to pursue beauty, business, homemaking and pleasure at once and be a success in all the roles.

Season's "Smart" Color Is Pink Red.
At last the season's smartest color has been settled on. It does not happen once in a decade that the women of the so-called smart set and the women who set the fashions for the inner circle of society's exclusive few agree upon the season's color. They have done so this year, however, and it is a pink red. It runs through a gamut of shades from deep coral down to palest flame, almost yellow. It may be bright cerise or old-fashioned "light red," but it must escape being a regular red by several shades. It is becoming alike to blonds and brunettes, and it adapts itself to the modern wonders of frock making where layer of gossamer is laid over layer of gossamer, beading, embroidery, fringe and metal threads, and glimmers through soft grays and cream and slaty blues. It dashes suddenly out into view in startling places. It can be wrought into wonderful sunset and dawn effects, and it has the advantage of combining with black in a way to give distinction. Without a doubt the season's favorite color has been well chosen this year.

Mrs. Browning's Sonnets.
They say Mrs. Browning showed her husband with much diffidence the sonnets she had written in celebration of her love. "Sonnets From the Portuguese," she called them, incorporating in the title a love name he had for her, for he termed her the Portuguese because of her dark skin and eyes.

Faithfully, it must be confessed, these sonnets are hardly finished here and there one might be tempted to say, but they are as spontaneous as the song of morning birds, as essentially true as the word we speak at unexpected meeting.

Trunk Trays.
Trunks have improved along with everything else in this progressive age. The trunk with one tray is a rarity, and most trunks are made with five or six trays. There is such a demand for trays that they are sold separately and can be added to any trunk whenever wanted.

Cookery Points

Two Ways to Bake Cookies.
Almond Cookies.—One-half pound of butter, one-half pound of sugar, three yolks of eggs, one-half cupful of milk, three cupfuls of flour, rind of one lemon grated, four teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Mix, roll out thin and cut into small cookies with the following on top of each: Three whites of eggs beaten, three-fourths pound of chopped almonds. Mix well together. Make this one hour before mixing cookie dough.

Oatmeal Cookies.—Cream one cupful of butter, one and one-half cupfuls of sugar till light. Add three eggs beaten light, one-half teaspoonful of salt, one teaspoonful of cinnamon, one cupful of chopped nuts, one-half cupful of raisins blended with flour, two cupfuls of oatmeal. Put nuts, oatmeal and raisins through meat grinder. When thoroughly mixed add two cupfuls of flour sifted twice and one teaspoonful of soda dissolved in one tablespoonful of water and a half of boiling hot water. Drop on cookie pans by teaspoonfuls and bake.

Sandwich Filling.
Cold ham and cold chicken minced together make a most delicious filling for sandwiches. Fried ham ground fine is always more savory than boiled ham for sandwiches. In fact, some persons fry the chicken which they are going to use for sandwiches in order to get the delicate browned flavor. The potted meats which come for sandwich fillings are more delicious if they are mixed liberally with mayonnaise dressing. And these same potted meats are useful in croquettes, souffles and other made dishes. The smallest can of the highly flavored potted meat mixed with the minced meat of which such dishes are to be made is sufficient to give a rich flavor to quite a large amount. Half of a small can is abundant with the meat for croquettes or souffles which is to serve four persons. Most of these meats have a bit of garlic and other high seasonings which the American housekeeper is unwilling to test for herself, but which she is willing enough to use if some one else, like the canner, makes the blend for her.

To Bake a Turkey.
Bake it with the breast down. In this way all the fine flavoring of the turkey, the juice of the dressing and all the damper juices flow down toward the breast of the fowl, and when the white meat is served you get the full benefit of every flavor added during the processes of preparing and baking the turkey, in addition to the distinctive taste of the fowl itself. If you desire to place the fowl on the table before carving you will find that it will look quite as well as it would if baked in the usual way, and certainly it will taste much better.

Walnut Coffee Cake.
One-half cupful of butter, one cupful sugar, one-half cupful of strong coffee infusion, one and three-fourths cupfuls of flour, two and one-half level teaspoonfuls of baking powder, whites of three eggs, one cupful of walnut meats broken in pieces.

Cream the butter, add gradually the sugar, then the coffee and the flour sifted with baking powder. Beat well and add the egg whites beaten stiff, then the nut meats. Beat again and bake in shallow pan in moderate oven for forty-five minutes. When cool cover with frosting.

Creamed Celery.
Take the white stalks and hearts of two bunches of celery and boil in salted water until nearly tender. Drain and put in a dish to keep hot while the sauce is prepared. Put into a saucepan two tablespoonfuls each of butter and flour and as soon as melted add half a cupful of the water in which the celery was cooked and a generous cup of cream. Cook until thick and smooth, season with salt and pepper, pour over the celery, grate a little nutmeg over the top and serve.

Creamed Oysters.
Splendid for lunches, teas, card parties, etc., a dainty and delicious way for serving oysters. Scald one pint oysters in one pint of boiling water, then drain. Put the water in the saucepan with two tablespoonfuls of butter, a little mace, two bay leaves and salt and pepper. Let it come to a boil and add a tablespoonful of cracker crumbs and half a pint of cream. Let it come to a boil and add the oysters and then cook two minutes more. Serve on toast.

Molasses Candy.
One cupful of New Orleans molasses, one cupful of brown sugar, a teaspoonful of vinegar, an ounce of butter. Mix together and boil, being careful not to stir until the sirup hardens in cold water. Stir in a teaspoonful of baking soda and pour into buttered plate. When cold enough pull with the ends of the fingers.

To Salt Almonds.
Put the shelled almonds into boiling water to loosen the skins. Take off the skins, dry the almonds and put them into a spider of boiling olive oil. When they have come to a nice brown drain, put on waxed paper and sprinkle with salt.

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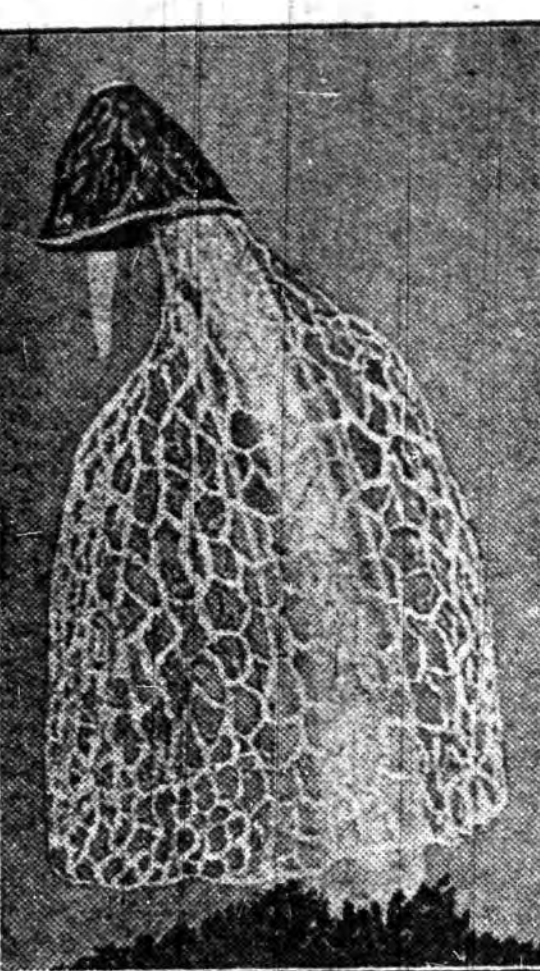
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For the Children

A Fungus That Grows
Over an Inch a Minute.

David Fairchild, M. Sc., in charge of the department of foreign seed and plant introduction, department of agriculture, writes in regard to the accompanying picture:

"This mushroom, the dictyophora, or 'net bearer,' grows in the jungles of Java, where it frequently attains a height of six or eight inches. I tried to photograph it by time exposure, but failed, for the reason that it grew so rapidly during the exposure that the outlines were blurred on the plate. The accompanying photograph was accordingly taken by 'quick exposure,' almost a snapshot."

This statement was sent to Professor Charles H. Peck, Albany, N. Y., an expert on fungous growths, and he replies:

"The inquiry concerning the rapidity of development of the phalloid fungus figured therein is a perfectly natural one, for this marvelous growth seems at first thought too great to be credible. Nevertheless these fungi grow very rapidly when they have begun to elongate their stems. In Mr. C. G. Lloyd's Mycological Notes he illustrates photographically the development of *Phallus aurantiacus*, which in one minute lengthened its stem from six lines to twenty-one lines. The actual increase in length was fifteen lines, or one and one-quarter inches, in one minute. This is not the same species as that called the dictyophora in your example, but it is a confirmation of the probable correctness of the surprising statement made by Dr. Fairchild."—St. Nicholas.

Game of Trades.

A jolly little game for children to participate in of evenings after study hour is called "the trades" and is played in the following manner: Each participant chooses a trade, which he exercises in accordance with the style of the trade. The shoemaker mends shoes, the carpenter saws boards, the painter paints a portrait, the laundress washes linen in a tub, the cook stirs a cake, the locksmith hammers a lock, and the spinner turns a wheel.

One of the party is chosen as leader. Then all get into a circle, either sitting or standing, and begin exercising according to their individual vocations. When the leader tires of his or her trade he or she quickly takes up that of the boy or girl seated to the right, and instantly all leave off their own trade and begin imitating the movements of the right hand neighbor. This throws the leadership to the player seated at the original leader's left, who takes up the trade abandoned by the first leader. If one of the players makes a mistake he must pay a forfeit.

Conundrums.

What is the greatest surgical operation the United States has ever known? Lansing, Michigan.

On which side of a pitcher should the handle always be put? On the outside. In which campaign was the hero Attila killed? The last one.

Why is a colt like an egg? It must be broken before it can be used.

What root must you hold in your hand to stop toothache? The root of the tooth that aches.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Origin of Siskiyou.

Siskiyou, county in California and mountains in Oregon. By some authorities it is said to be a corruption of the original name given the district in California by the French—six cailloux, meaning "six boulders." Others state that it is an Indian word meaning "bottled horse," the mountains between California and Oregon having been so named because a famous bottled race horse was lost on the trail.—United States Geological Survey.

The Wayside Inns.

When autumn goes and cold begins the weeds still bear their heads on high. The goldenrod here may eat its fill. The junco lurch on seeds at will. We never praised in brighter hours Their sober hues among the flowers. What need have they of human words Who bring such joy to all the birds?—Yonah's Companion.

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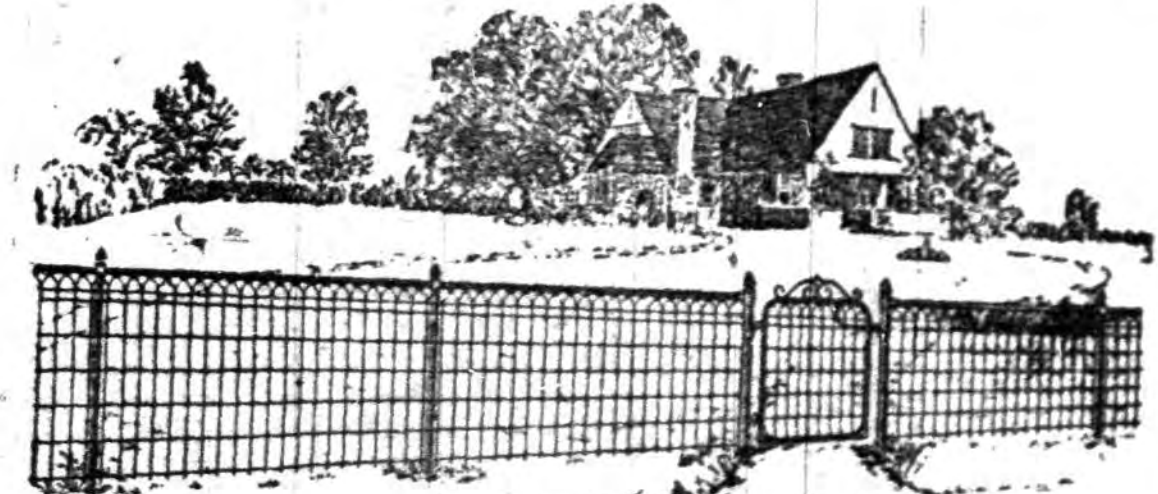
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